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AGRONOMISTS BEING TRAINED; NEW TOWNS FORMED

TRAINING OF AGRICULTURISTS -- Rude Pravo, No 66, 19 Mar 49

The JSCZ (Union of Czech Agriculturalists) has arranged several special courses in Karlovy Vary Kraje, in which 319 people's agronomists have been trained. Of these, 33 are operating in the okres of As and Cheb; 40 in Kadan Okres; 4 in Jachymov Okres; 40 in Karlovy Vary Okres; 20 in Mariánské Lázně Okres; 62 in Podbořany Okres; 60 in Sokolov Okres; and 60 in Toužim Okres. At present, an additional 296 people's agronomists are being trained in the okres political schools of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

YOUTH WANTED FOR RAILROADS -- *Lilova Demokrasi*, No 68, 22 Mar 49

The Ministry of Transportation will accept 100 young people during 1949. After a year of training they will study at the state-operated transportation school at Valtice or at Usti nad Labem. This year 365 apprentices also will be accepted, including 160 machine fitters, 55 electricians, 5 boilermakers, 13 metal workers, 18 turners, 5 mechanics, 60 auto mechanics, 41 electrical mechanics, and 8 toolmakers.

Applications will be accepted from boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 17 who have completed the fourth class of secondary school with good marks, and who are physically and ideologically qualified.

MEMBERSHIP IN UNION OF CZECH YOUTH -- Hude Pravo, No 57, 9 Mar 49

The Union of Czech Youth had 391,535 members at the end of February, which is 24.5 percent of all young people from the Czech Provinces between the ages of 15 and 26 years. The Union of Czech Youth has acquired 166,122 members in the last 2 months. A majority of the members were obtained by the founding of new basic groups by kraj or okres officials.

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NEW TOWNS FORMED -- Obrana Lidu, No 53, 4 Mar 49

The Ministry of the Interior announces that the towns Darkov, Frystat, Karvinna [sic], Raj, and Stare Mesto in Frystat Okres have been combined into one town, which the Ministry has named Karvinna [sic]. The towns Dolni Litvinov, Horni Litvinov, Chudec, Louka, and Rasmischengrund in Horni Litvinov Okres have been combined into one town, which the Ministry has named Litvinov.

According to Government Decree No 3/1949, the name of Frystat Okres has been changed to Karvinna [sic] Okres, and the name of Horni Litvinov Okres has been changed to Litvinov Okres.

ELECTRIFICATION IN ZILINA KRAJ -- Pravda, No 57, 9 Mar 49

The Central Slovak Electric Power Plants state enterprise will soon complete the electrification of an additional 11 towns in Zilina Kraj. Following electrification of the towns of Mikusovec and Jalovec and the settlement of Vitalisovec in the first 2 months of the Five-Year Plan, the Central Slovak Electric Power Plants will bring electric light to the following towns: Tachyna in Puchov Okres; Stupna in Povazska Bystrica Okres; Kolarovice and Petrovice in Bytca Okres; Proseck, Liptovska Svata Anna, and Izipovec in Liptovsky Svaty Mikulas Okres; Liptovska Lazna in Ruzomberok Okres; Habovka and Zuberec in Trstena Okres; and Srnacie in Dolny Kubin Okres. The construction expense connected with the electrification of the above-mentioned towns will be 13,785,000 crowns.

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